



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

No: 08/251,125
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Entitled: ELECTRONIC BALLAST WITH
CONTROLLED-MAGNITUDE OUTPUT VOLTAGE
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Examiner: SHINGLETON, M.
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant provides the following response to Examiner's
Office Action dated 09/21/95.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant has amended his original claims and added two
new claims. All the claims as presently pending are provided
by way of the attached document entitled AMENDED CLAIMS in
Serial No. 08/251,125.

To cover the added independent claim, a check (#5533) for
\$39.00 is enclosed herewith.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Examiner's initial office action was clearly deficient in
that it was based on a prior art reference (Zansky) with a
priority date later than that of the claims of instant
application.

Yet, while indeed providing another rejection based on
earlier prior art references, Examiner did not respond to
Applicant's arguments in support of his position to the effect
that Zansky was inapplicable as a prior art reference due to
inappropriate priority date. Yet, Examiner continues to apply
Zansky -- without any form of explanation or rebuttal of
Applicant's arguments.